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ATTN : [] Chief of Staff, Karlsruhe
[] Chief, Foreign Division X
[] Director, []
[] FRONDEL Torpedo Explosive
Reference: NOE-AS32324

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1. We sincerely regret the delay in answering reference dispatch. However, for your information, we still have received no definite word from [] as to their contemplated course of action. Your proposal in paragraph 6 of reference document was fully appreciated by this office and was recommended to []. The financial application, though, now appears to be almost an impossibility. [] has been working on the problem along the lines outlined by you for weeks, but as of yesterday had made little or no progress. The approval for the expenditure of \$25,000 for the explosive was of course received months ago. However, in order for ZAKARIA to transfer funds abroad the transaction must be handled by an international bank. There is, furthermore, a law against the U.S. Government's buying non-American developments. In order to circumvent this difficulty a waiver must be obtained, a very complicated and time-consuming process.
2. On the other hand, transfer of funds in the U.S. from [] to ZAKARIA is a relatively routine matter. In order, therefore, to avoid any further delay and the almost interminable legalities involved we recommend that you conclude negotiations with FRONDEL.
3. Your reactions to this would be appreciated.

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